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Observations and suggestions by Member States on ways and means of furthering the development of communication infrastructures and capabilities in developing countries

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In paragraph 20 of its resolution 48/44 B of 10 December 1993, the General Assembly invited Member States that wished to do so to submit their observations and suggestions to the Secretary-General by 1 January 1994 on ways and means of furthering the development of communication infrastructures and capabilities in developing countries, with a view to consolidating recent experience in the field of international cooperation aimed at enabling them to develop their own information and communication capacities freely and independently, and requested the Secretary-General to report thereon to the Committee on Information at its sixteenth session.

2. Pursuant to that request, by a note dated 15 December 1993, the Secretary-General invited the Governments of Member States to submit the replies referred to in paragraph 20 of resolution 48/44 B. The Secretary-General had already issued communications on this matter under the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 46/73 B of 11 December 1991 and 47/73 B of 14 December 1992, as well as notes dated 29 May 1992 and 19 February 1993.

3. In view of the fact that, as at 15 March 1994, no communications from Member States on this matter have been received, the Committee on Information may wish to extend the deadline for submission of replies by Member States to 31 August 1994 and to consider the requested report on available responses at its seventeenth substantive session, to be held in 1995.

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